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NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS FINANCIAL IMPACT ESTIMATING CONFERENCE June 3 – 4, 2004

The Financial Impact Estimating Conference (FIEC) will be holding workshops on Thursday, June 3rd and Friday, June 4th, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 117, Knott Building, 415 W. St. Augustine St., Tallahassee, Florida.

The FIEC was established in HB 1743 (Chapter 2004-33, Laws of Florida) to review, analyze, and estimate the financial impact of amendments to or revisions of the Florida State Constitution proposed by initiative. As required by HB 1743, the FIEC is in the process of preparing financial impact statements to be placed on the ballot regarding the estimated increase or decrease in any revenues or costs to state and local governments resulting from proposed initiatives.

The purpose of the workshops is to provide and opportunity for proponents and, opponents of the initiatives and other interested parties to submit information to the FIEC which will assist the FIEC analyze regarding the probable financial impact of each initiative and prepare a financial impact statement to be placed on the ballot. In addition to these workshops, proponents and opponents may submit information to the FIEC by contacting the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research (contact information below).

The initiative petitions that are currently being reviewed by the FIEC and the dates on which proponents and opponents of each initiative may submit information each will be considered at a workshop are:

Thursday, June 3, 2004

- 1) Florida Minimum Wage Amendment, Serial # 03-29
- 2) Additional Homestead Tax Exemption, Serial # 04-01
- 3) Miami-Dade and Broward County Voters to Approve Slot Machines, Serial # 02-07 Friday, June 4, 2004
 - 1) Public Protection from Repeated Medical Malpractice, Serial # 03-12
 - 2) Patients' Right to Know About Adverse Medical Malpractice, Serial # 03-07
 - 3) Physicians Shall Charge the Same Fee, Serial # 03-04
- 4) Medical Liability Claimant's Compensation Amendment, Serial # 03-034

 For additional information regarding the workshops, please contact the Florida

 Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research at: (850) 487-1402.

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For additional information regarding the Financial Impact Estimating Conference process and the Initiative Petition process, please visit the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research's website at:

http://www.state.fl.us/edr/conferences/constitutionalimpact/citizensinitiative.htm, and the Florida Department of State, Division on of Elections' website at: http://election.dos.state.fl.us/initiatives/index.shtml.